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In re Application of

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Serial No.: 09/584,739

Group Art Unit: 2814

Filed: June 1, 2000

Examiner: Quach, T.

For: COPPER-ALLOY INTERCONNECTION LAYER

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION AND RESTRICTION  
REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2001, please consider the following:

**REMARKS**

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I (e.g., drawn to a semiconductor device as defined by claims 1-37), without traverse. Applicant reserves the opportunity to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected invention later.

Further, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's acknowledgment of the priority document filed on September 14, 2000.

Early, favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

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A conditional petition is made for any extension of time which may become necessary. TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees for such extension and to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean M. McGinn".

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